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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: DATE FOR NAMIBIA INDEPENDENCE

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SCHAUFLE

1. ON BASIS YOUR CONVERSATION WITH HABIB I EXPRESSED TO BOTH OUR EXTREME UNHAPPINESS WITH ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE FOR NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE BY CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE.

2. I POINTED OUT THAT THIS REMOVES ONE POSSIBLE INDUCEMENT WE COULD HAVE HELD OUT TO AFRICANS AND COULD ONLY INCREASE PRICE.

3. AS I EXPECTED BOTH SAID SAG COULD NOT CONTROL FULLY THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE WHICH MAKES DECISIONS IN PART BASED ON ITS OWN POLITICAL NEEDS. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE SAW THE POINT.

4. HE ASKED WHAT COULD BE DONE TO RETRIEVE SITUATION. I SAID I HAD NOT DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH YOU BUT ONLY THOUGHT WHICH OCCURRED TO ME WAS THAT DATE WAS FIXED BY CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE, NOT SAG. PERHAPS WE COULD HOLD SECRET

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OUT HOPE TO AFRICANS OF EVEN EARLIER DATE, ESPECIALLY

SINCE INTERNAL SWAPO HAD ALREADY REJECTED COMMITTEE'S
PROPOSALS. I CAUTIONED HIM THAT THIS PURELY PERSONAL
THOUGHT AND THAT WE MIGHT BE BACK TO HIM WITH OTHER
IDEAS. ROBINSON

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